

Wyalusing State Park Trail Update

Winter/Spring 2009

Trails that were closed due to storm damage in July 2007 remain closed with the exception of **Sugar Maple Nature Trail**.*

Sugar Maple Nature Trail is open from the parking lot across the road from the Homestead Picnic Shelter to Pictured Rock Cave. The south section of Sugar Maple Nature Trail is also open, allowing hikers to access the trail at the top and hike down to the boat landing.

With this new segment of Sugar Maple Nature Trail recently opened, hikers are now able to cross the road near the boat landing and connect with **Sentinel Ridge Trail**. The addition of this small segment of Sugar Maple Nature Trail means that hikers can now make a large loop, starting and ending at **Point Lookout**, encompassing approximately 8 miles of trails and a small section of roadway between the old park office and Point Lookout.

Sentinel Ridge Trail is open in its entirety. Sentinel Ridge Trail is one of the most scenic trails at Wyalusing State Park. It can be accessed from Point Lookout and will follow the bluff all the way down to the Mississippi River (a drop of approximately 500 feet). Indian Mounds, nature labels, the Passenger Pigeon Monument and Green Cloud Picnic Shelter are located on Sentinel Ridge Trail.

An outstanding view of the confluence of the Mississippi and Wisconsin Rivers can be seen from the Green Cloud Picnic Area and the Passenger Pigeon Monument. For those who do not wish to hike the entire Sentinel Ridge Trail from Point Lookout to the boat landing (1.5 miles one way), and then back up the hill, it can also be picked up at Green Cloud Picnic Shelter or the Passenger Pigeon Monument.

A half-mile loop with nature labels and Indian Mounds starts near the Passenger Pigeon Monument and is the perfect "walk through the woods" for those wishing a short, scenic and easy trail. Please note: the road to Green Cloud Picnic Shelter and the Passenger Pigeon Monument, is not maintained during the winter.

Closed trails include: Bluff Trail, Sand Cave Trail, Flint Ledge Trail, Old Wagon Road Trail, Walnut Springs Trail, and Indian Trail.

Trails that are open are: Whitetail Meadow Trail, Turkey Hollow Trail, Sentinel Ridge Trail and Mississippi Ridge Trail. Bluff Trail to Treasure Cave is open. To reach Treasure Cave, take the walkway from Point Lookout (as you are looking at the confluence) to the right. Take a left down the trail to Bluff Trail (through the opening in the rocks). Treasure Cave is located on Bluff Trail just below Point Lookout.

OLD IMMIGRANT TRAIL

Temporarily closed to the public



FLINT LEDGE TRAIL

Temporarily closed to the public



BLUFF TRAIL

IS OPEN TO TREASURE CAVE.
The rest of this trail is temporarily closed to the public



INDIAN TRAIL

Temporarily closed to the public



OLD WAGON ROAD TRAIL

Temporarily closed to the public



SAND CAVE TRAIL

Temporarily closed to the public



WALNUT SPRINGS TRAIL

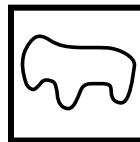
Temporarily closed – however sections of the trail are open west of Whitetail Meadows



*SUGAR MAPLE NATURE TRAIL

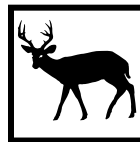
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**Please be advised that reconstruction work is still in progress on sections of Sugar Maple Trail. Check with the Park Office for more detailed information.*



SENTINEL RIDGE TRAIL

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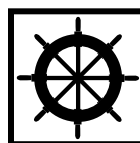
WHITETAIL MEADOWS TRAIL

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TURKEY HOLLOW TRAIL

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MISSISSIPPI RIDGE TRAIL

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